

Southern New England:
Rain or snow tonight; Tuesday local rain or snow and cold; fresh breeze, moderately strong east wind, becoming variable and shifting to west on Tuesday.

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COAL TO RELIEVE FAMINE HELD BY R.R. MAY USE NAVAL SUPPLY FOR PLANTS

WORKERS INJURED BY FALLS

Ice Covered Sidewalks Treacherous to Early Morning Pedestrians—Car Service Badly Crippled—Emergency Hospital Busy.

The rain and hail storm of last night combined with the already crippled and sadly inefficient public service to such an extent that the bones of Bridgeporters were much endangered and in several cases injured. Lack of trolley service in the early morning forced workers to walk to their work and in many cases pedestrians were badly shaken up by falls.

In one case on Parrott avenue a man fell the full length of a set of steps, striking his head on each one and finally landing heavily on the sidewalk below. Apparently the man was hurt and one of the onlookers, without inquiring, sent in a call for the ambulance. Before it arrived, however, the man had regained his composure and was again on his way.

Slippery walks this morning in at least four cases caused severe injuries. The first case called to the attention of the emergency hospital was that of Hercules Peluse of 1029 State street, who fell at the corner of Fairfield avenue and Middle street, sustaining a painful fracture of the right shoulder.

Hercules was immediately removed to the Emergency hospital and was treated by Dr. Gavner. While the injured shoulder was being dressed the physician noticed several bull t wounds about the injured man's body. On inquiring the doctor was informed that his patient had taken an active part in the war between the Turks and Greeks about six years ago and had been wounded several times. Hercules submitted that while his wounds in battle had been painful they were not nearly as bad as the injury to his shoulder sustained this morning. He was sent to St. Vincent's hospital.

Patrick Murphy of the Grand House on State street, an employee of the freight house, arrived at work this morning about 7 o'clock and afterward walked out into the street. He slipped and fell heavily to the pavement and is suffering from a painful laceration over the right eye as a result of the fall.

Nella Hartwig, of 713 Howard avenue, fell at the corner of Howard avenue and State street, and for several minutes remained on the sidewalk unable to move. He was finally taken to the Emergency hospital. His hip was fractured.

INCOME TAX BLANKS ON WAY: CALL VOLUNTEERS

Income Tax Collectors Mitchell and Ryall announced today that the rush to register by the people of Bridgeport has assumed such volume that they will be compelled to leave the office of the Internal Revenue where they are located at present and take over room No. 5 in the Federal Building. The income tax blanks which have been expected in this city for the past week have not arrived as yet. They are enroute and the collector expects that they will arrive in Bridgeport within the next day or so. The collectors are also calling for volunteers from among the bank clerks and others who will help them handle the tremendous rush which they say confronts them as soon as the offices are prepared to receive it.

Up to the present time the collectors have been busy with the auditors and accountants of the big corporations here going over the pay rolls and other matters and educating them as to the proper procedure when the time comes for them to make their returns to the government.

Of the many questions which have been presented Federal income tax officials during the past few weeks are two interesting and important ones which relate to the status of a wife and the earnings of children.

Federal income tax officials point out that a wife's income must be included with the husband's in deter-

DYNAMITE USED IN HARBOR; OPEN SHIPPING PATH

Charges of Dynamite Placed Every Ten Feet in the Frozen Channel Leading to Black Rock and Then Exploded—Clearing Way for Coal Barges to Supply Plants.

Owing to the fact that the Bridgeport Towing Company's boats have all been put more or less out of commission by their great battle with the harbor ice pack, the channels which were broken through the frozen mass have all been closed over again and the ice piled in masses at places ten feet high. As a last resort the shipping men are resorting to dynamite and this will be tried today in an endeavor to get two barges of coal into Black Rock.

KAISER REWARDS SUB SKIPPER WHO SANK U. S. SHIPS

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—Emperor William has conferred the Order Pour le Merite on a submarine commander, Kopsand, on a cruise to the Cape Verde island. During this cruise Kopsand asserts, he sank an American destroyer and 14 merchantmen, most of them bound from the United States for Italy or France. He is said to have brought back 22 tons of copper as booty.

It is about 5,000 miles from the Belgian coast to the Cape Verde islands and return.

U. S. MUST SEND ENTENTE 25,000 OF BIGGEST GUNS

Washington, Jan. 7.—Cannon coalition and speed are the three elements needed to win the war in the shortest possible time, Representative McCall McCormick of Illinois told the House today in a speech reviewing his three-month tour of the battle fronts. The Allies, he said, "want at least 25,000 great guns, first of all; then they want men and want the heartiest co-operation of all political elements in America for its effect on morale to win the war."

"The German staff," he continued, "must strive to induce France to make peace on the score that America will not make ready in time. That is why the front from the Alps to the channel has assumed a greater importance than at any time since the battle of Verdun."

German soldiers deserted in increasing numbers last summer, he said, and among the captured during the last few months there were many tear-faced youths of 16 and 17.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Tug No. 9, arrived in the harbor today from New Haven and she will smash a channel for a large barge of coal to the docks of the Connecticut Company. Her captain reported that there were five hundred or more people including several automobiles on the ice covering New Haven harbor yesterday and stated that the ice which he encountered on his way here was the worst he has ever experienced in all his life spent at sea.

Traffic has been resumed on the Sound by the heavier ships, but no general breakup is looked for until the weather has moderated for several days.

It was reported along the water front that there is an unusually high tide today and that when that goes out it may clear the harbor of broken ice to some extent.

Some of the manufacturers here suggest that a large boat be brought to Bridgeport to clear a passage-way in the ice. This could be done, but the channel must be patrolled continually after it has been broken or it will freeze over much worse than before. On account of the local towing boats all being out of commission with smashed bows, broken rudder posts and other injuries there are no boats available for patrolling purposes, so that the hard work of many days and nights has all gone for naught.

The preparations being made to dynamite the ice in the channel leading to Black Rock started early this morning and it is stated that charges of the explosives will be laid every fifteen feet. As soon as the detonations occur the tugs will be ready to force a wider passage and in this manner the fuel so sorely needed by the dozens of plants in that vicinity will have a chance to get to the docks. Little relief was looked for when the rain began falling today as it was forecasted colder weather would only freeze the harbor tighter. Ice cutters worked all day Sunday in a desperate effort to cut channels to the various city docks and this morning were rewarded by a small cleared space, but not enough to give rise to hopes of an early resumption of harbor traffic.

COAL STRANDED NEAR HARTFORD IN R. R. YARDS

Hartford, Jan. 7.—"Coal enough to relieve the shortage has been idle because the railroad operatives did not move it to coal yards for unloading," was the statement of Chairman Arthur G. Woolley of the federal fuel administration for this city, today.

"Why the coal is not moved I don't know," he added, "but it's there, all right."

"The railroad isn't to blame, that is the official line. If the operatives themselves don't show the right spirit and hustle around, instead of waiting to see whether the government is going to give them a raise in wages, we'll never get that coal."

NOTARY PUBLIC EXTORTION TO BE PROBED IN N. Y.

Albany, Jan. 7.—Gov. Whitman today directed Attorney General Lewis to investigate complaints that many New York notaries public had been "guilty of extortion and other offenses" in connection with acknowledging draft questionnaires. The investigation will begin within a day or two.

ASSAULTED HIS WIFE.

Frank Sewery, of 38 Reilly street, was placed under arrest today by Policemen Foster and O'Neill of the Second precinct on complaint of his wife that he had assaulted her. When searched a fully loaded revolver was found in his possession. He was held charged with assault and carrying concealed weapons.

Norway lost 22 ships in December.

SUSTAINS LEGALITY OF DRAFT

Supreme Court Upholds Contention of Government That Citizens May Be Made Liable for Service Both at Home and Abroad.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The selective service act was upheld today as constitutional by the supreme court.

The government's contention that the power given to Congress to declare war includes power to compel citizens to render military service both at home and abroad was sustained by the court.

Chief Justice White, who delivered the unanimous opinion in a brief statement, declared that after considering the various contentions the decision had been reached that most of them were imaginary rather than real.

The decision resulted from the appeals of 13 cases growing out of convictions under the selective service law, five coming from New York, three from Ohio, four from Minnesota and one from Georgia. Constitutionality of the act was made the basis for all the appeals.

The cases from New York were those of Louis Kramer, Morris Becker, Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and Meyer Graubard. The first four were convicted of attempting to induce others of draft age not to register and an additional charge of failure to register was made against Kramer, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Becker was sentenced to one year and eight months in jail, while Emma Goldman and Berkman were ordered imprisoned for two years and fined \$10,000 each.

TWENTY-TWO IN BOSTON SUBWAY HURT IN PANIC

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 7.—Twenty-two passengers aboard a subway train for Boston were injured today at Kendall square station in a wild scramble to escape from cars that filled with smoke after a fuse blew out with a roar that resembled an explosion. All lights in the underground passage were extinguished and in the darkness men and women broke through glass doors and windows.

Traffic was delayed for an hour.

DORA SHORTER DEAD.

London, Jan. 7.—Dora Shorter, the poet, died in London today. She was born in Dublin, the daughter of George Slegerson, the biologist. She was married in 1896 to Clement K. Shorter, editor of the Sphere. Collected poems were published in 1899 and new poems in 1912.

ISSUE LAST CALL TO GET INSURANCE FOR SOLDIERS

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo issued a statement today which said that the insurance of the men in the army and navy had up to noon last Saturday past beyond the three billion mark.

There were 363,000 policies issued and the total amount came to \$2,105,776,500, making an average for each man of \$5,557. As a ten thousand dollar policy is the maximum that can be taken out by anyone in the Navy or Army this shows the wonderful appreciation which the government insurance is held by the members of all branches of the service.

Those who have overlooked the opportunity offered them by the government to take out their policies as the final date upon which applications can be filed is February 12.

Parents as well as the men in camp or in field are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity offered by the government immediately, as it will undoubtedly make the soldier or sailor feel more a team to know that in case of accident his family will be provided for and it will also be a blessing to those dependent upon their soldier or sailor sons to know that they will not be left helpless.

The rate per thousand is so low that it is within the reach of every private or ordinary seaman. For men at the age of twenty-one the rate is only sixty-five cents per thousand dollars per month which amounts to only \$7.50 per year, a rate which insurance companies thought impossible a few years ago.

With the advance in years the rate is only slightly increased so that even if a man is 30 or 35 years of age he can obtain his insurance with but a very small percentage of increase in the rate.

There is every reason to expect that the army and navy insurance will reach the five billion mark before the final date set for filing, but men and parents are sometimes given to putting off and they are urged to take advantage of this great boon immediately so that every man in the armed forces of Uncle Sam will carry his insurance policy.

AWAITING ADVICE OF SPELLACY

Federal Agent Lane Expects to Receive Demand for Action in Cases of Men Who Will Not Fight For U. S. Tomorrow.

Department of Justice Agents in Bridgeport are as yet "mum" upon the subject of their investigation into the affairs of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, whose headquarters at 310 Fairfield avenue, were raided last Friday night and a mass of evidence mostly literature in the German language seized by the Federal men.

When seen at his office in the Federal building today Federal Agent Lane, declined to discuss the matter and confined his statement to the fact that he had forwarded all the evidence he had secured in the raid to United States Attorney Spellacy in Hartford and expected word back from him by tomorrow morning.

From the indications in the case it appears that the government officials think the matter very serious and when word is flashed from headquarters whether in Washington or in Hartford, quick and drastic action is looked for.

Notwithstanding the apparent quiet in the case, it is known that the government sleuths have not relaxed their activity even for an instant and when the final decision has been reached by the heads of the department the dragnet will be hauled in and the catch placed in safe keeping.

From advices received from other cities where the activities of this society had reached the point where they came under the surveillance of the Federal as well as the local authorities, it appears that the detectives working on the problem have all assumed an attitude which closely resembles the great calm which precedes a storm and it is openly anticipated that when the storm does break the result will be of the most devastating nature to the hotbeds of German intrigue and propaganda.

In many of the towns where the society has branches the officials maintain a defiant attitude and claim their right as members of the socialist party to make rules and by-laws for their society in conformation with the expressed teachings of socialism.

U. S. AVIATORS KILLED

Washington, Jan. 7.—Deaths of Lieut. William S. Ely and Sergeant George E. Houdeck in an aeroplane accident in France were reported today by Gen. Pershing. Ely lived in Rochester, N. Y.

TONS OF FUEL IN STALLED CARS NEAR DEVON

Enough Coal to Keep Factories Going Indefinitely is Alleged to be in Cars Between Bridgeport and Derby—Trains Have Laid Idle For the Past Five Days.

While the shortage of fuel threatens to cripple the principal munitions center of the United States, scores of carloads of coal suitable for factory use, lie on sidetracks between Devon and Naugatuck, and railroad officials, admitting it has lain there four or five days, make no attempt to move it toward Bridgeport. The industrial situation remains critical even though 40 carloads arrived yesterday.

HUN SPY ONCE AT ARMS CO.

(Special to The Times.)

New Haven, Jan. 7.—Maxmillian Von Hoegan, the young New Haven attorney who was beaten into insensibility for his pro-German utterances and insults written on his army questionnaire, by an armed and masked body of men, boasted that he was one of the Kaiser's spy masters in America and as such had worked in the Remington Arms plant in Bridgeport out of which he had obtained valuable information which was forwarded to the Wilhelmstrasse.

As a result of the insults which he heaped upon the United States Government and everything American, he is now lying in bed suffering from the effects of the unmerciful treatment meted out to him by the band of Americans who dragged him from his luxurious library last night, and left him in the snow near his home with the threat that they would return to give him a coat of tar and feathers.

Upon inquiries at the Remington Arms plant it was learned that about two years ago Von Hoegan boasted that he worked for several weeks in the plant, but this matter was very thoroughly sifted by the force of detectives maintained by the company and found to be absolutely groundless.

When asked if the Remington Arms Company had any further knowledge of this self confessed spy an official said: "We kept track of him every minute of the time since and as far back as eighteen months ago and up to the time this country entered the war our men visited his law offices in New Haven."

"They on several occasions saw letters on his desk bearing the official seals and stamps of the German Embassy. All of this information was carefully turned over to the Department of Justice and upon this country entering the war we withdrew so as not to hamper the government men."

In a letter to Mayor David E. Fitzgerald, citizens of the Ninth ward, where Von Hoegan lives, asked whether steps could not be taken to compel Von Hoegan to change his residence. The letter says that his home overlooks a large ammunition and arms factory and the petitioners express the belief that his proximity to the plant is "a menace to public safety."

BRITISH AIRMEN BOMB AERODROME OF HUN ENEMIES

London, Jan. 7.—British aviators have dropped large quantities of bombs on the Ramonios-Chin aerodromes in Belgium and in the vicinity of Metz, Lorraine. Bombs were dropped on the railroad station in Conflans, on the sidings northwest of Metz and on the Courcelles station, southwest of Metz, according to the official statement on aviation activities issued last night. Many hits were made. An explosion and a fire were caused at Conflans.

GERMAN TAKES MAYORALTY.

Michigan City, Ind., Jan. 7.—Fred C. Miller, alleged enemy alien, assumed office as mayor of this city without opposition at noon today. At that hour no word had been received as to the progress of the injunction proceedings begun in Valparaiso by persons who object to the installation of a "German" mayor. There was no disorder.

Many factories are still on the verge of famine and are keeping more than 50,000 skilled hands at work only by scientific conservation. The Bridgeport Gun Tool Co., Trans-istan avenue, employing a score of men on government orders, will close its doors tomorrow unless coal is supplied. A representative of the firm made a statement to that effect at the fuel committee's office this morning.

The thousands of tons of coal held in cars of the New Haven road, within easy distance of Bridgeport, would keep the wheels of Bridgeport industry in motion indefinitely. When confronted with these facts today, Carl F. Siemon, fuel committee chairman, said he had been in communication with Arthur T. Bradley, railroad director, who admitted many carloads of coal were held on sidings, but said they had "been only there four or five days." It is expected the committee will request the power to commandeer for immediate conveyance to Bridgeport.

Other than the 40 carloads arriving yesterday, no shipments have been received either by rail or water, but Chairman Siemon is endowed with a plentiful number of promises, upon fulfillment of which he relies to relieve both the domestic and industrial shortage in this city.

Upon an official statement from Director McAdoo, ordering coal supplies for the vicinity of Boston from the thousands of tons allotted for the use of the war and navy departments, it is expected Bridgeport will be benefited in a similar manner. McAdoo's announcement that this was accomplished in Boston brightens the hopes of local manufacturers.

The joint domestic and industrial coal committee, including Chairman Siemon, George M. Eames, Clarence E. Bilton, George E. Crawford, W. R. Webster and A. H. Bullard, will leave for Washington tonight. The committee will stay at Washington until Bridgeport is adequately supplied.

Three large loads of soft coal, one of which is relied upon to keep the Connecticut Co. trolley lines in operation, were expected in the harbor.

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KNEEL IN SNOW AT MASS FOR AMERICAN DEAD

With the American army in France, Sunday Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—Masses for both the American and French dead were held in the churches of France today on the occasion of the national celebration of the birthday of the Joan of Arc. At her birthplace, the little village of Domeray, many pilgrims who had come miles to worship in the little church where France's saint was baptized, were unable to gain entrance during the service and knelt in the snow, while masses were celebrated.

Within the church American and French flags were draped over the altar where Joan of Arc worshipped. Pilgrims and some newspaper correspondents, who had travelled a long distance in order to be present, were received by the local priests at the conclusion of the ceremonies, at which a battalion of French troops assisted.

GERMANS GRANT RECOGNITION OF FINNS' REPUBLIC

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—Germany has recognized the Finnish republic. An official dispatch from Berlin says that after the Russian government declared its willingness to recognize the independence of Finland as soon as the application of the Finns was received, and after the Finnish government had taken a corresponding step in Petrograd, which was received favorably, the German emperor charged the imperial chancery to express in the name of the German government recognition of the Finnish republic to plenipotentiaries of Finland now in Berlin. Chancellor von Hertling received the plenipotentiaries on Sunday and informed them that Germany had recognized Finland.